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Take action to stop secret CIA detention!

The US government has constructed a wide-ranging detention system for terrorism suspects and others it considers to be implicated in the "war on terror".

Many suspects are subjected to "rendition" followed by detention in acknowledged or secret US detention facilities outside the USA, or foreign-controlled facilities under US direction. All of these practices violate international law.

Write to the US Embassy in your country calling for the US government to end secret detention and enforced disappearance, and to clarify the fate and whereabouts of all people who have been secretly detained in the CIA programme.

[Click here to get the address of the US Embassy in your country.](#)

Important: If you are from the USA, [please take action through AI USA's website.](#)

Take action!

Dear [Name of the US Ambassador in your country],

I am writing to express my concern about 39 terrorism suspects believed to have been held in secret US custody and whose current whereabouts remain unknown.

These men are victims of enforced disappearance as defined by international law. Secret detention and enforced disappearance are violations of the USA's treaty obligations.

I believe that lasting security and real justice for the victims of terrorism cannot be achieved by placing people in secret locations deprived of the most basic legal safeguards for any detainee. Governments must protect their people from acts of terrorism, but the US programme of secret detention, acknowledged by President George W. Bush on September 2006, is not the way to do this.

The US government must end the use of secret detention, clarify the fate and whereabouts of all people who have been secretly detained, allow them access to their families and to an adequate legal process.

I recall President Bush's repeated assertions that the USA remains committed to the "non-negotiable demands of human dignity", including the rule of law. I urge you to relay my concern to the US administration and to do all in your power to make respect for human rights and the rule of law a reality for all those in US custody and their families.

Yours sincerely,

Please send appeals to:

The US Embassy in your country

Salutation: Dear [Name of the US Ambassador in your country]

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